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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

WAYMO LLC,

CASE NO. 3:17-cv-00939

Plaintiff,

15 | vs.

**PLAINTIFF WAYMO LLC'S
SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO
DEFENDANTS' BRIEF ON THE
PENULTIMATE JURY INSTRUCTION
(DKT. 2549)**

Defendants.

Judge: The Honorable William Alsup

Trial Date: February 5, 2018

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1 Waymo submits the following brief in response to Defendants' Response to the Court's
 2 Penultimate Jury Instructions on Trade Secret Misappropriation (Dkt. 2549) ("Resp.").
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I. PENJI 3 – DISCLOSURE-BASED MISAPPROPRIATION SHOULD REMAIN.

4 As the Court has already ruled that Waymo properly disclosed Uber's misappropriation by
 5 disclosure at least with respect to Gorilla Circuits, Dkt. 2610 at 125:14-15 ("Gorilla Circuits, I think you
 6 are on notice of that from day one in this case."), 118:14-15 (similar), 119:23-24 (similar), Uber's request
 7 to strike misappropriation by disclosure should be denied. Waymo will address the timing of its
 8 disclosures regarding Uber's misappropriation by disclosure to other vendors in the parties' forthcoming
 9 Court-ordered joint submission. *Id.* at 125:8-10; *see also* Dkt. 2539 at 8-10.
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**II. PENJI 7 – MEMORIZATION, PHOTOCOPYING, OR DOWNLOADING TO
 TAKE THEIR PRIOR EMPLOYER'S TRADE SECRETS SHOULD REMAIN.**

11 Uber's objections to the sentence "[n]or may they memorize or photocopy or download to take
 12 their prior employer's trade secrets with them" are meritless. Resp. at 1-2. *First*, this sentence is
 13 necessary as the PenJIs nowhere else articulate the vital concept that a trade secret may be acquired and
 14 retained in memory. *See* Dkts. 2171 at 4-5; 2196 at 4; 2278 at 5. *Second*, contrary to Uber's hyperbole,
 15 this sentence does not "supplant" the Court's extensive instructions on improper acquisition, *see* PenJIs
 16 13 & 14, but provides a useful example of an employee improperly acquiring a prior employer's trade
 17 secrets in the otherwise confusing context of negative trade secrets. As PenJI 7 recognizes, certain
 18 "practical lessons" may supplement an engineer's skills, talents and abilities, and the engineer will
 19 "naturally" retain these when changing jobs. Dkt. 2449 at 4. This sentence helps explain, however, that
 20 on-the-job assimilation of skills differs greatly from improper acquisition in the form of seeking out
 21 particularized information to "memorize or photocopy or download **to take their prior employer's trade**
 22 **secrets with them.**" PenJI 7 (emphasis added). Uber cannot deny that intent is relevant to improper
 23 acquisition having repeatedly claimed—incorrectly—that intent is a *prerequisite* to it, *see, e.g.*, Dkt.
 24 2076 at 4-5 ("acquisition requires a showing that a party engaged in conduct that was intended to secure
 25 dominion over a thing . . ."), and also having previously **not** sought to eliminate the above sentence, but
 26 instead to insert "intentionally" into it. *See* Dkt. 2279 at 1. *Third*, the jury should indeed be given
 27 practical guidance on improper acquisition, as (a) it is an element of at least **some** (but not all) types of
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1 use and disclosure claims, *see* PenJI 4.2; Dkt 2550 at 1-4, and (b) Waymo has preserved the ability to
 2 seek an injunction based on Uber’s improper acquisition. *See* Dkt. 2495 at 1 (“no **recovery** theory will
 3 go to the jury **for damages** based solely on misappropriation by acquisition only”); *see generally id.*
 4 (nowhere mentioning “liability”); Dkt. 2550 at 4. *Finally*, there is no need to insert use or disclosure
 5 into this sentence given the PenJIs’ separate explanation of these concepts, *compare* PenJIs 13-14 with
 6 15-16, and their repeated emphasis that acquisition alone is insufficient for damages, *see* PenJIs 3, 18.

7 **III. PENJI 8 – PENJI 8 ACCURATELY STATES NEGATIVE TRADE SECRET LAW.**

8 Uber argues that PenJI 8 should not be given because: (i) it is based on TS 111; (ii) TS 111 is
 9 broad; (iii) the “negative trade secret” concept in TS 111 is narrow, not broad; and (iv) a broad definition
 10 would impinge on employee mobility. Resp. at 2-3. In short, Uber does not dispute that PenJI 8
 11 accurately states the law, but instead argues that the specific characteristics of TS 111 should disqualify
 12 it as a trade secret and moot the instruction. Uber’s argument is either an improper and untimely motion
 13 for summary judgment or a premature Rule 50 motion.¹ Because Uber does not criticize **any** aspect of
 14 the Court’s instruction and whether TS 111 qualifies as a trade secret is now a question for the jury, *see*
 15 PenJI 4.1, 5-12, the Court should disregard Uber’s objection.

16 **IV. PENJI 16 – STUDYING AND CONSULTING A TRADE SECRET IS ACTUAL USE.**

17 Uber proposes to narrow the definition of use by eliminating “studying and consulting,” and
 18 inserting a requirement of “actual exploitation of the trade secret information resulting in damages.”
 19 Resp. at 4. Uber claims that studying or consulting a trade secret—even while designing a new
 20 employer’s product—does not constitute use unless the new employer’s design “actually make[s]
 21 some use of the trade secret information studied **for its own advantage.**” *Id.* Uber is wrong.

22 *First*, Uber’s real criticism appears to be that studying or consulting cannot cause damages.
 23 Resp. at 4-6. But it would be unnecessary, duplicative and confusing to import elements three and
 24 four into the definition of use, as the jury will already receive lengthy instruction on these separate
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26 ¹ Uber’s characterization is also false. TS 111 does **not** claim as a trade secret “broad practical
 27 lessons its engineers learned while working on a failed project,” [REDACTED]
 28 [REDACTED]. *See* Ex. 1 [Hesselink Report], at 42-43.

1 requirements. PenJIs 4.3-4, 17, 20. This is particularly true because Waymo is seeking an
 2 injunction, and the jury must decide liability for misappropriation apart from any damages.

3 *Second*, Uber’s citations do not support its argument. Uber cites the Restatement (Third) of
 4 Unfair Competition, § 40 cmt. c (Am. Law Inst. 1995), but that source states: “[t]here are **no**
 5 technical limitations on the nature of the conduct that constitutes ‘use’ of a trade secret,” and “[a]s
 6 a general matter, any exploitation of the trade secret that is *likely to* result in injury to the trade secret
 7 owner or enrichment to the defendant is a ‘use’ under this Section.” Resp. at 4. It plainly does not
 8 say that use **requires** actual injury. *Id.* Uber’s citation to *JustMed, Inc. v. Byce*, 600 F.3d 1118, 1130-
 9 31 (9th Cir. 2010) is also unavailing. In *JustMed*, the Ninth Circuit found that possession alone was
 10 insufficient for use—no studying or consulting was involved—and retroactively mixed the elements of
 11 the claim by basing its finding of no “use” on a lack of damages. *Id.* Similarly, the passage Uber cites
 12 from *Silvaco Data Sys. v. Intel Corp.*, describes what is **sufficient for**, not **necessary to**, “use”—indeed,
 13 it is uncontroversial that “[o]ne *clearly* engages in the ‘use’ of a secret, in the ordinary sense, when one
 14 directly exploits it for his own advantage,” *see* Resp. at 5—and does so in the context of finding that
 15 “using a **product** does not constitute a ‘use’ of trade secrets employed in its manufacture.” 184 Cal.
 16 App. 4th 210, 224 (2010). Uber’s proposed amendments to PenJI 16 should be rejected.

17 **V. PENJI 20 – UBER’S PROPOSAL ADDS NOTHING USEFUL RE EXPENSES.**

18 Uber’s proposed addition of another sentence in PenJI 20 stating that Uber’s own efforts should
 19 be excluded from damages is unnecessary, duplicative, and confusing. As shown previously, any
 20 instruction to deduct expenses risks double counting because “Uber’s own reasonable expenses have
 21 *already* been factored into any net **benefit**,” as Waymo will show at trial. *See* Dkt. 2550 at 9-10. Uber’s
 22 proposal only compounds the prejudice of the previous sentence in PenJI 20, without providing any
 23 additional clarity on the calculation at issue, as “legitimate efforts, creativity and hard work” add nothing
 24 to “reasonable expenses.” Moreover, Uber’s proposed language is drawn from an unreported district
 25 court decision, which has never been cited for this language and extracts that language from a non-trade
 26 secret case on the equitable relief of constructive trusts. Resp. at 7. Uber’s proposal should be rejected.

27 **VI. PENJI 21 – EXEMPLARY DAMAGES MUST BE DECIDED BY THE JURY.**

28 The Seventh Amendment requires that the jury decide the amount of exemplary damages. *Cf.*

1 Dkt. 2077 at 4-9. The Tenth Circuit’s decision in *Jones v. United Parcel Service* is directly on point.
 2 674 F.3d 1187 (10th Cir. 2012), *cert. denied* 568 U.S. 883 (2012). In that case, the district court had
 3 sent the amount of punitive damages to the jury, despite that Kansas procedure requires the judge to
 4 determine that amount. *Id.* at 1202; *see also Jones v. United Parcel Serv.*, 658 F. Supp. 2d 1308, 1316
 5 (D. Kan. 2009). After an in-depth review of Supreme Court and historical precedent, 674 F.3d at 1202-
 6 1205, the Tenth Circuit affirmed the district court’s decision, finding a Seventh Amendment right to a
 7 jury determination because the state law at issue was procedural, not substantive:

8 The Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed the historical nature of the Seventh Amendment
 9 right to a trial by jury in federal cases involving punitive damages. Its decisions, taken
 10 together, indicate that this right includes the right to a jury determination regarding the
 11 amount of punitive damages. *See Capital Solutions*, 695 F.Supp.2d at 1152 (holding that
 12 “the Seventh Amendment does require that the jury also be allowed to determine the amount
 13 of any punitive damages awarded”). Rule 38, by preserving “the right to a trial by jury as
 14 declared by the Seventh Amendment,” answers the question in dispute and requires that the
 15 jury determine the amount of the punitive damage award in federal court, despite conflicting
 16 state law. Thus, Rule 38 satisfies the first part of the *Shady Grove* test.

17 *Id.* at 1205-06 (finding requirement did not exceed statutory authorization or Congress’ rulemaking
 18 power, the second prong of the *Shady Grove* test). Other courts, including within this Circuit, have
 19 reached similar conclusions. *See, e.g., Grisham v. Philip Morris*, 670 F. Supp. 2d 1014, 1036 (C.D. Cal.
 20 2009) (“Courts uniformly hold that a jury must determine the amount of punitive damages awarded.”);
 21 *F.C. Bloxom v. Fireman’s Fund*, 2012 WL 5992286, at *5-6 (W.D. Wash. Nov. 30, 2012) (the Seventh
 22 Amendment and FRCP 38 require that the jury determine “enhanced damages” under Washington
 23 State’s Insurance Fair Conduct Act); *Def. Indus. v. Nw. Mut. Life*, 938 F.2d 502, 507 (4th Cir. 1991)
 24 (“An assessment by a jury of the amount of punitive damages is an inherent and fundamental element
 25 of the common-law right to trial by jury. Therefore, we hold that the seventh [sic] amendment
 26 guarantees the right to a jury determination of the amount of punitive damages....”).²

27 Similar logic applies here. The California rule assigning exemplary damages to the jury is
 28 procedural, not substantive. *See* Cal. Civ. Code § 3426.3(c). Uber’s inapposite authorities nowhere
 address the Seventh Amendment and instead rely on largely undisputed language in California law.

² “The Ninth Circuit has not yet addressed th[is] question.” 9 Wright & Miller, *Fed Prac. & Proc.* § 2303 (3d ed. Apr. 2017 update).

1 Resp. at 7-9. And there is no reason why the Seventh Amendment would not require a jury trial on
 2 exemplary damages under DTSA as well as CUTSA. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1836(b)(3)(C).

3 **VII. PENJI 23 – IMPUTATION FROM STROZ AND MOFO IS RELEVANT.**

4 Uber’s objections to PenJI 23 are groundless. Imputation of the knowledge or actions of an
 5 agent to its principal is foundational agency law. *See* Dkts. 1729 at 5-7, 2130 at 2-4, and 2232 at 4-6.
 6 And contrary to Uber’s assertions, imputation *is* relevant to Waymo’s claims: Stroz and MoFo, acting
 7 as Uber’s agents, acquired both Waymo trade secrets and information about how Levandowski and other
 8 Uber employees came into possession of those secrets. If such knowledge or actions are imputed to
 9 Uber, that could help demonstrate (or constitute) misappropriation.³

10 Using “information” rather than “trade secrets” in PenJI 23 is correct for the same reason. Part
 11 of Waymo’s burden or proof is demonstrating *improper* acquisition: that is, acquisition “by a person
 12 who knows or has reason to know that the trade secret was acquired by improper means.” Cal. Civ.
 13 Code § 3426.1(b); 18 U.S.C. § 1839(5). Given this burden, relevant “information” appropriately
 14 includes not just trade secrets, but knowledge about circumstances regarding their acquisition, such as
 15 acquisition in violation of an obligation to keep them secret.

16 Uber’s proposed alternative instruction misstates the law and should be rejected. Uber proposes,
 17 in part: “To prove misappropriation, Waymo must prove that Uber or Ottomotto improperly used or
 18 disclosed the Alleged Trade Secrets.” Resp. at 10. As the Court has ruled, Waymo must prove use or
 19 disclosure to recover *damages* for misappropriation of trade secrets. But both CUTSA and DTSA define
 20 misappropriation to include acquisition *or* disclosure *or* use. Cal. Civ. Code § 3426.1(b); 18 U.S.C. §
 21 1839(5). If the jury finds only acquisition, Uber still misappropriated Waymo’s trade secrets, and the
 22 Court may still base an injunction on that misappropriation.

23 In addition, Uber’s claim that this instruction could be misconstrued by the jury to support a

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 25 ³ Despite Uber’s attempt to avoid imputation by claiming that Stroz and MoFo were obligated not
 26 to disclose the *substance* of trade secrets to Uber, Dkt. 2076 at 5, information concerning (i) how
 27 Levandowski and others came into possession of information and (ii) whether Levandowski and others
 28 owed a duty of secrecy to Waymo may still be imputed to Uber, especially since that information was
 central to what Stroz and MoFo were hired to investigate. This imputation of knowledge, while not
 itself comprising misappropriation, can help show mental states or elements of misappropriation. *See*,
 e.g., Cal. Civ. Code § 3426.1(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iii) & 18 U.S.C. § 1839(5)(b)(B)(ii)(I)-(II); Dkt. 2550 at 1-4.

1 finding of damages on the basis of acquisition alone is misplaced. A number of PenJIs describe exactly
 2 the showing needed for damages—namely, misappropriation by use or disclosure—and nothing in this
 3 instruction suggests that acquisition alone will be sufficient to award damages.

4 **VIII. PENJI 25 – STROZ AND MOFO DAMAGES CAN BE STRUCK.**

5 Waymo does not object to eliminating this instruction. For the avoidance of doubt, however,
 6 Waymo intends to show that Uber “wrongfully acquired the trade secrets at issue when its agents MoFo
 7 and Stroz took possession of them,” justifying an injunction, Dkt. 2539 at 8, and rejects Uber’s hair-
 8 splitting, last-minute proposal to “not oppose an injunction.” Resp. at 11. Uber’s proposal is
 9 unacceptable, as it (a) would require only ***MoFo and Stroz, but not Uber***, to return or destroy materials
 10 containing Waymo trade secrets (unlike if MoFo or Stroz’s acquisition were imputed to Uber), and
 11 (b) would condition any agreement on preservation obligations, notice, and an opportunity for all
 12 affected parties to object. Uber’s offer would only invite further litigation, and Uber has forfeited any
 13 claim to good faith (or to avoid a public finding that it misappropriated Waymo’s trade secrets) by its
 14 repeated misconduct in this case, including failing to return this material months ago.

15 **IX. PENJI 26 – THE JURY SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED THAT IT MAY DRAW
 ADVERSE INFERENCES AGAINST DEFENDANTS, BUT NOT WAYMO.**

16 It is uncontroversial that juries may draw adverse inferences against an employer or former
 17 employer from a key employee’s invocation of the Fifth Amendment regarding his behavior on the job
 18 and/or to benefit the employer. Every Circuit Court that has considered this issue has adopted the Second
 19 Circuit’s *LiButti* analysis for when a court may permit a jury to draw an adverse inference. *See* Dkt. 819
 20 at 4-5 (collecting cases from the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 11th Circuits). Uber’s conduct further supports
 21 an adverse inference, as it continued to employ Levandowski as head of its self-driving car unit for
 22 weeks after he told Uber of his intention to take the Fifth. Uber’s last-ditch attempts to soften or avoid
 23 this adverse inference must be rejected.

24 *First*, the Court should refuse Uber’s requests to (i) remove that the jury may find
 25 Levandowski’s answers “would incriminate him” and (ii) insert that he is not necessarily guilty. The
 26 Fifth Amendment provides a right against ***self-incrimination***, and it is both axiomatic and well-known
 27 to the public that a person taking the Fifth does so to avoid giving answers ***that could incriminate him***.

1 This is the whole point of why an adverse inference may be drawn, and as Levandowski is not a party
 2 to this civil proceeding, he needs no protection—sanitizing this language and inserting that he is not
 3 necessarily guilty is entirely unnecessary. Uber’s changes would also be very confusing because PenJI
 4 26 concerns the comparatively rare circumstance when an adverse inference **may** be drawn; the Court
 5 should not include in the same instruction **permitting** an adverse inference confusing references to the
 6 presumption of innocence in a non-existent and irrelevant criminal proceeding. The authorities Uber
 7 cites are not to the contrary—these criminal cases affirm the undisputed notion that a person who invokes
 8 the Fifth is not necessarily guilty, without addressing civil adverse inferences at all. *See* Resp. at 11-12.

9 *Second*, the Court should refuse to add “trustworthy and fair” to the instruction. Resp. at 13. As
 10 an initial matter, *LiButti v. U.S.*, which Uber cites for this additional language, describes not what the
 11 **jury** must find, but what a **judge** must find before permitting the jury to consider an adverse inference.
 12 107 F.3d 110, 124 (2d Cir. 1997). Thus, *LiButti* goes to the admissibility of the evidence, not its weight.
 13 *See* Dkt. 818-4; *cf.* FRE 403. Moreover, requiring that any adverse inference be “fair” is improperly
 14 vague and could mislead the jury to conclude that, for reasons of misplaced sympathy, it would be
 15 subjectively “unfair” to draw an adverse inference against Uber even if the evidence supported that
 16 inference. In addition, *LiButti* does not reference “fairness” and does not support adding such language.
 17 Resp. at 13 (quoting *LiButti*, 107 F.3d at 124). Finally, contrary to Uber’s claims, its proposed addition
 18 would not “give more guidance to the jury,” Resp. at 13, as these empty words add no clarity whatsoever.

19 *Third*, no adverse inference is permissible against Waymo, and Waymo should be removed from
 20 the instruction. The Court required briefing on this subject over six months ago and Uber was precluded
 21 from presenting evidence on the only theory it presented in support of an adverse inference against
 22 Waymo. Dkt. 1885. Having failed to timely disclose any other theory of adverse inference against
 23 Waymo, Uber cannot now seek an adverse inference on undisclosed and untested new theories.

24 **X. VERDICT FORM – DISCLOSURE AND USE SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED.**

25 Disclosure and use should not be separated on the verdict form because Waymo has presented a
 26 viable theory of misappropriation by disclosure and neither CUTSA nor DTSA distinguishes between
 27 use and disclosure in providing for relief.

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